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## WEEKENDWEATHER

**FRIDAY**  
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**SATURDAY**  
 HI 50  
LO 32

**SUNDAY**  
 HI 41  
LO 25

**PAC DAY**  
All students in the Department of Mass Communication are welcome to attend the Professional Advisory Committee Friday, March 9. Chances to meet with professionals will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**AUTHOR TO SPEAK**  
Norah Vincent, author of "The Self-Made Man," will speak as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series 8 p.m., Monday, March 12, in the Union.

**CHALLENGE U**  
Applications are still being accepted for Challenge University, a program encouraging students to finish high school and move on to college.

Eleven youth leader positions are open for the four Challenge U sessions to be held June 6 and June 23 on the Northwest campus.

Paper copies of completed applications and recommendations to Human Resources, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., 64468.

**TODAY**  
Career Services Interview Day.

Dale Pereira ceramics exhibit closes.

**SATURDAY**  
Women's and men's basketball vs. Fort Hays State, Bearcat Arena.

Wind symphony/symphonic band concert, 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Theater.

**MONDAY**  
Aristotle Georgides Sculpture Exhibit opens lecture and reception, 7 p.m., 244 Fine Arts Building.

**TUESDAY**  
Last date to add or enroll in second-block course.

SAC lecture: Judy Shepard, 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

**IT'S BACK!**  
Heartland View is up and running. Visit the online travel magazine at [HeartlandView.com](http://HeartlandView.com)

Visit the web for:  
The results of the men's and women's basketball games. Jump online next week to see video of the Northwest's annual drag show.

## -INTERNET GAMING

# THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

## World of Warcraft is taking control of Internet gaming and its players

By Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

Gowans' eyes, and the undead dance on the walls of dimly lit rooms as the glow of the computer screen highlights their faces.

With headsets and microphones glued to their heads, the guild gathers for its night meeting.

It's 7 p.m. The end has begun.

The nerd playing the computer game World of Warcraft has wedged itself into the minds of some players across the globe.

The popular game has created an obsession with the players, forget the world they have created for them, the fantasy world of Warcraft.

"It's like you can't even sleep at night. You just want to play it. No power, no water, no food."

At \$15 per month, \$20 for a \$15 per month add-on, it costs more than

most other video games. It's not the cost of the game, though.

World of Warcraft is an expansive game, continually being released, the game seems never ending, causing players to become compulsive to test the latest update.

Being on the game is hard playing three hours a day, many times more than three hours a day.

"It's not because it's fun, it's because it's character progression and in a sense it's very competitive," Jobe said.

To many players, World of Warcraft is much more than a game but rather an addiction.

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## CAMPUSBRIEFS

### Northwest Forensic Team wins state competition

Northwest's Forensic Team won the state championship in individual events at a state tournament at William Jewell College last Saturday and Sunday. The team competed in public speaking. The last time the team won the championship was 1998.

### 8th Annual Drag Show set for this Friday

Common Ground will sponsor 8th annual Drag Show will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday in the J.W. Student Union Ballroom will be hosted this year by Bianca Bliss. This year's theme is the "Lost girls of Neverland." Admission is \$5 or \$4 with a canned item. Donations go to the Ministry Center with proceeds going to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital and Children's Mercy Hospital.

### St. Jude's "Up 'til Dawn" hosts garage sale

"Up 'til Dawn," which raises money for St. Jude Children's Hospital, will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Maryville United Methodist Church. Donations for the garage sale can be taken to the Campus Activities Office. "Up 'til Dawn" also has eight executive positions open. Applications can be picked up in the Campus Activities Office. Deadline is Friday, March 2. For more information about the garage sale or applications contact Veronica Petree at [s256212@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:s256212@nwmissouri.edu).

### Northwest in the Top 5 in recycling contest

Northwest is ranked fourth out of 60 schools competing in RecycleMania, an annual recycling and waste reduction competition. At the end of the first week, Northwest was ranked second overall. Northwest is competing in two categories: Per Capita Clinic and Waste Minimization. The 10-week competition ends Saturday, April 7. Weekly standings are updated every Friday; to see the weekly results go [Recyclemania.org/results](http://recyclemania.org/results).

## Gay rights advocate to speak on campus

By Andrea James  
*Chief Reporter*

On Oct. 7, 1998, 21-year-old Matthew Shepard was led out of a Wyoming bar by two men who claimed they were gay. Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson took Shepard to an isolated area outside Laramie, Wyo., tied him to a fence, ruthlessly beat him and left him to die.

Eighteen hours later, a cyclist found Shepard still tied to the fence and unconscious. Shepard never woke up after his beating and died at Poudre Valley Hospital a few days later on Oct. 12, 1998. Doctors found that Shepard suffered repeated blows to the head and as well as an injury to his brain stem, which would have controlled his vital signs.

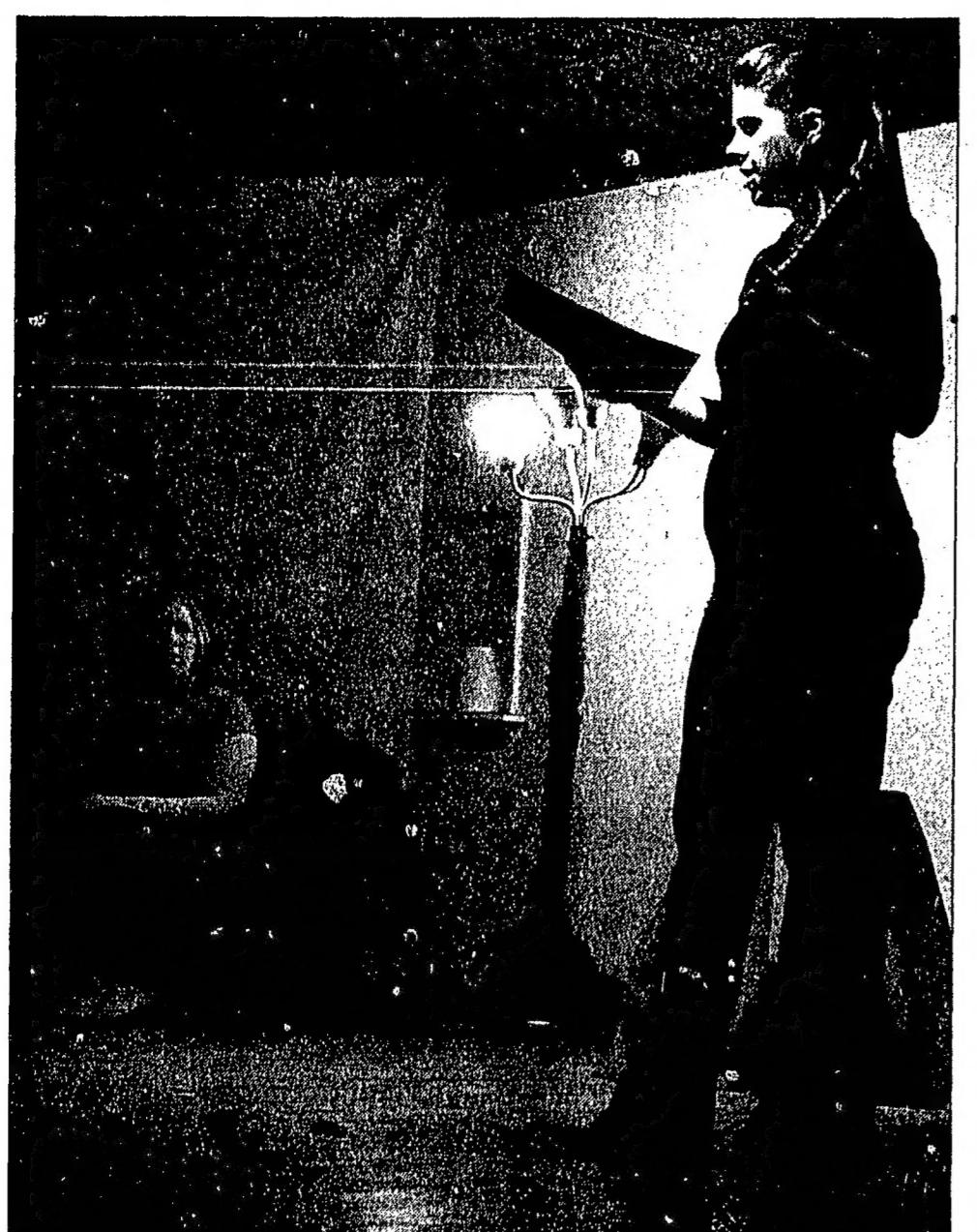
Gay rights activist Judy Shepard will speak at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Charles Johnson Theater, in hopes of preventing events like this from happening again.

The presentation is part of the lecture series, Campus Activities Director Kristen Alley said. They received information about possible issues that would be important to students.

"Someone mentioned Shepard's name and we thought that she is a great speaker and this is a great issue for the students to be aware of," Alley said.

Shepard began to tour around the country shortly after the murder of her son, Matthew Shepard, according to MatthewShepard.org.

## SPEAKING OUT



JANESSA SKIDMORE and Laura Moppin right ideas for wedding flower arrangements from Keltia Clapp on Sunday at the Bridal Show sponsored by the Sigma Society. Clapp's booth for Maryville Florist garnered much of the attention throughout the day.

## Bridal show sparks ideas

By Lindsay Jacobs  
*Asst. Features Editor*

wedding day) really special and memorable," Hayes said.

The event brought several future brides and their families out.

Laura Moppin, 25, of St. Joseph, heard about the event the day of from her future mother-in-law. She plans to get married June 23, and said the event was giving her a lot of ideas for her big day including a location for her bridal shower. She was considering having the shower at Paradise Park, one of the vendors. It is a place where special events are held in Oregon, Mo.

Lindsay Carroll, 20, of Maryville, attended the event with her mother, Rhonda. The event was helpful to them because there were a variety of vendors and a lot of them she hadn't heard of, Carroll said. She plans getting married in May 2008.

Usually around 20 vendors attend the event, but this year since it was held so close to Valentine's Day many didn't think they could prepare in time, said Junior Erin Jewell, Sigma Society Bridal Show Chair.

There were 15 vendors on hand for future brides and other attendees to chat with and gain ideas from.

Newlyweds and vendors attend the event, but this year since it was held so close to Valentine's Day many didn't think they could prepare in time, said Junior Erin Jewell, Sigma Society Bridal Show Chair.

The show is usually held in the Mary Lynn Performing Arts Center, but since this year it was booked the show was held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, said Jana Wessler, Sigma Society Bridal Show Chair.

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# OPINION

-OVERVIEW

## Wal-Mart ought to be applauded for discount drug plan

Life used to be a trade-off for some Maryville residents. Sometimes life is a matter of heating a home or buying prescription drugs.

Sometimes senior citizens and lower-income residents have to decide whether they want to fill their stomachs or their prescriptions.

In response to this, Wal-Mart, at the end of last year, began offering 30-day supplies of more than 300 drugs for \$4 a piece—an action we think ought to be commended.

"Each day in our pharmacies we see customers struggle with the cost of prescription drugs," Wal-Mart CEO H. Lee Scoot, Jr., said in a press release. "By cutting the cost of many generics to \$4, we are helping to ensure that our customers and associates get the medicines they need at a price they can afford. That's a real solution for our nation's working families."

Senior citizens who have found themselves in the "doughnut hole" coverage gap in their Medicare Part D drug plans will be helped tremendously because many of them now foot 100 percent of their prescription medicine costs.

College students on tight budgets are also going to be helped by this tremendously. An editor on staff went to fill her prescriptions earlier this week and put an extra \$20 in her account to cover the cost and was shocked when the two refills cost less than \$5. Over the course of a year, Wal-Mart's drug plan will save our editor \$180—money she can use toward school or basic necessities.

In a country where legislators refuse to make health insurance available to all, this is a step in the right direction in at least making some prescriptions available to everyone.

Some opposed to the action point out that while Wal-Mart claims over 300 drugs are on the discounted list, in reality only 124 drugs are available in multiple doses and strengths. While this may be the case, those are still 124 drugs that were previously potentially unattainable for some residents.

No human being should have to choose between basic necessities and prescription drugs. We think it's great that a person can now eat, heat their home and afford prescription refills.

It's about time.

### -LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to 2/8/07 column—"Student Senate Budget Needs to be Allocated Better"

Student Senate exists to promote the interests of the student body at Northwest, and to assist us in this goal, the University provides funds for the Senate through the grant of an annual budget.

In turn, the University receives funding from the state and as such, Senate funds are considered to be, at least in part, state funds.

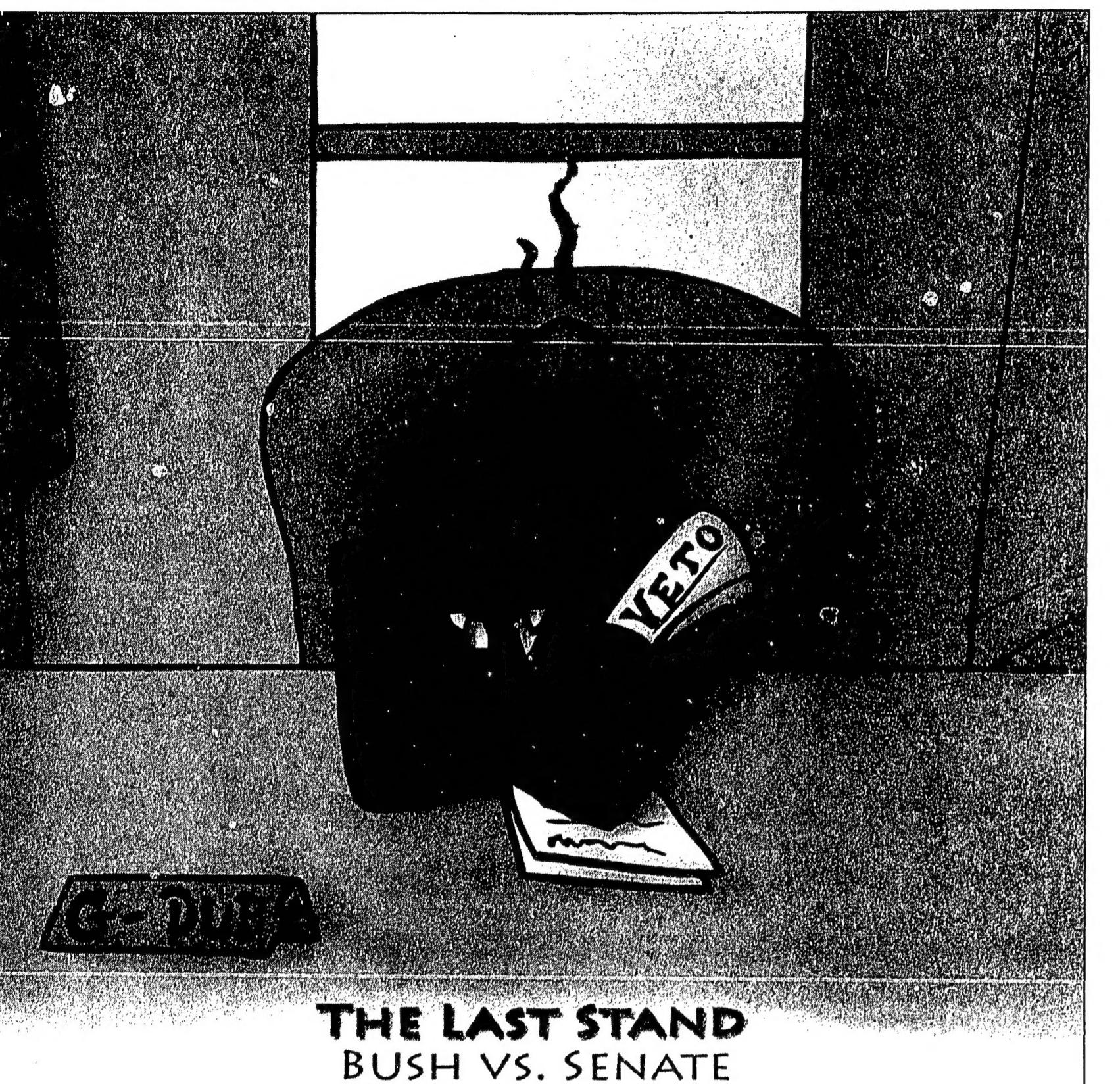
This is important to note because state law disallows the giving of charitable donations from state funds; however, at times the Student Senate has wished to donate funds to worthy causes, such as the Red Cross's fire victims fund.

In order to do so, Student Senate created a separate fund, the fundraising account, from which to donate funds. This account is separate from the regular Senate budget and is funded not by University sources, but through the fundraising efforts of senators.

Questions or concerns regarding the allocation process may be referred to the Organizational Affairs Committee chairwoman, Abby Freeman, while budgetary issues should be referred to Senate treasurer, Adam Watson.

Students may contact the Student Senate by e-mail, [student.senate@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:student.senate@nwmissouri.edu), or phone, ext. 1218, or may stop by the Student Senate located in the Campus Activities Office in the Student Union.

Sara Chamberlain  
Student Senate President



## THE LAST STAND BUSH VS. SENATE

### -COLUMN

## University should cancel classes because of nice weather as well

"Get me out of here."



Evan Young  
Copy Editor

princess," let alone write one of my own.

So, weather it is. Case closed.

Looks like we're finally going to be pulled out of the below-freezing depths and pushed into a realm of reasonable temperatures, at least for a few days, according to Weather.com.

I seriously cannot believe that last week, "outside" was the last place I wanted to be. Now, it's the only place I want to be. I suppose fickle weather helps create fickle people.

And I wouldn't even mind going to school for an extra few days to make up for any lost time. Our spring trimester certainly ends early enough to allow for some wiggle room.

Let's face it. Maryville winters are painful enough to warrant a massive jubilation when they finally come to an end.

There's no reason why, when Mother Nature gives us a break from the cold weather every year, we shouldn't take advantage of it. I think it would make for a pleasant seasonal transition, physically and mentally.

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## WARCRAFT: Alternate reality comes with a price

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in such a new arena, prevention remains unseen," Edwards said.

Many countries have created rehabilitation centers strictly devoted to the emerging addiction to "World of Warcraft," and other video and computer games.

For example, the Smith and Jones Wild Horses Center in Amsterdam was the first treatment center focused on gaming. Patients go through a detox where the game must quit any type of video or computer game completely with the help of group therapy, psychologists and psychiatrists.

"It is part of an ongoing commitment to make health care more affordable for those in need," Bluestone said.

Wal-Mart welcomes the competition that this program will bring,

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Often times, patients must also quit the stimulants that keep them safe, such as coffee, Red Bull or soft drugs.

"The treatment is centered on admitting power over addiction because gaming can be catastrophic if a person doesn't self-regulate," Murr said.

Despite the addicting factors, sitting slouched, staring at a computer screen for consecutive hours or days can also have serious health effects on the body.

"Anything monopolizing a significant amount of time is something to be concerned about. Games that have elements of violence tend to translate from the screen to someone's life," said Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services at the University Health Center.

Because the brain is not fully developed until the age of 24, games that have elements of violence can create an impulsive behavior reaction to brain stimuli resulting in violent or aggressive behavior in children and young adults, according to Murr.

"Researchers debate if (aggression) lies in the person or the stimuli that are addictive, but the link between TV violence and character violence is affected negatively.

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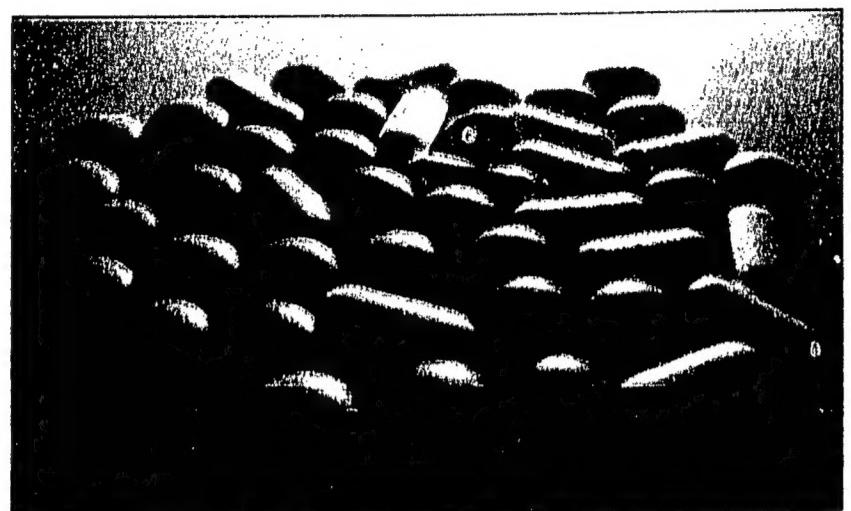
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## MEDICINE: 331 discounted generic medications now available



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enhancing minds all across town.



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By Jared Bailey  
Missourian Reporter

Diane Sudhoff, said. Ten percent of the proceeds from the event were used for donations to victims of Hurricane Katrina living in Eunice, La., Maryville's sister city. The rest of the money earned would go to the parish's budget.

The \$25 tickets treated guests to more than the food, ensemble and parade. The night also included a performance by Sharp Five, a jazz group.

"We never played a Mardi Gras," Sharp Five member Joe Sisco said. "But I'm glad we did. It is easier to play at a higher level when everyone is digging what you do."

Further entertainment was added by a dance routine involving men dressed in homemade alligator costumes.

The theme for the p'arish celebration was picked in October and every year it has been different. Last year the celebration was called the Heavenly Hop, a 50s nostalgia party, and the year before that it was the Lordy Luau. The theme for the next celebration has yet to be decided.

"Somebody always asks 'What are you doing next year?'" said Sue Dorrel, stewardship director and business manager for the parish. "It is kind of like having a baby. You say you don't want to do it again, right now?"

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## —NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

# No. 15 Northwest controls own destiny

By Brett Berger  
Sports Editor

With a little help from Emporia State, No. 15 Northwest is poised to do something it hasn't done in five years—win a conference championship.

Monday night, then No. 19 Emporia, defeated then No. 8 Central Missouri, 78-71, to knock the Mules back into a first-place tie with Northwest. Both the Bearcats and Mules sit at 13-3 entering Wednesday.

Should Northwest and Central win their remaining games, both will share the MIAA regular season championship. After playing Missouri Western Wednesday night, Northwest closes its regular season Saturday at home against Fort Hays State. Central played Southwest Baptist Wednesday and closes their season at Washburn.

"We're just going to play a two-game season and see where we're at after Saturday," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

Victor James, who will be honored along with Reggie Robinson on senior day Saturday, did not downplay the possibility of a conference championship in his last season, but said the team "must stay humble."

"We want to win it but it's like our coach (Tappmeyer) always tell us, we take a look up and see that we have a conference championship, then we got to look down and see we have a big challenge," James said.

Northwest soundly defeated Fort Hays State, 72-54, Dec. 30, and since then, Fort Hays has stumbled to a 12-13 record and 5-11 in conference play. Like Western, Fort Hays is battling for one of the final two spots in the MIAA post-season tournament in Kansas City, March 4-6. Jeff Pruitt and Alex Davenport are the only players averaging double-figures with 13.6 and 10.2 points, respectively. As a team, they are between the middle and bottom of the conference in every major offensive category.

Despite their sub-par record, Fort Hays defeated Central Missouri, 87-77, Feb. 7—a fact that Northwest

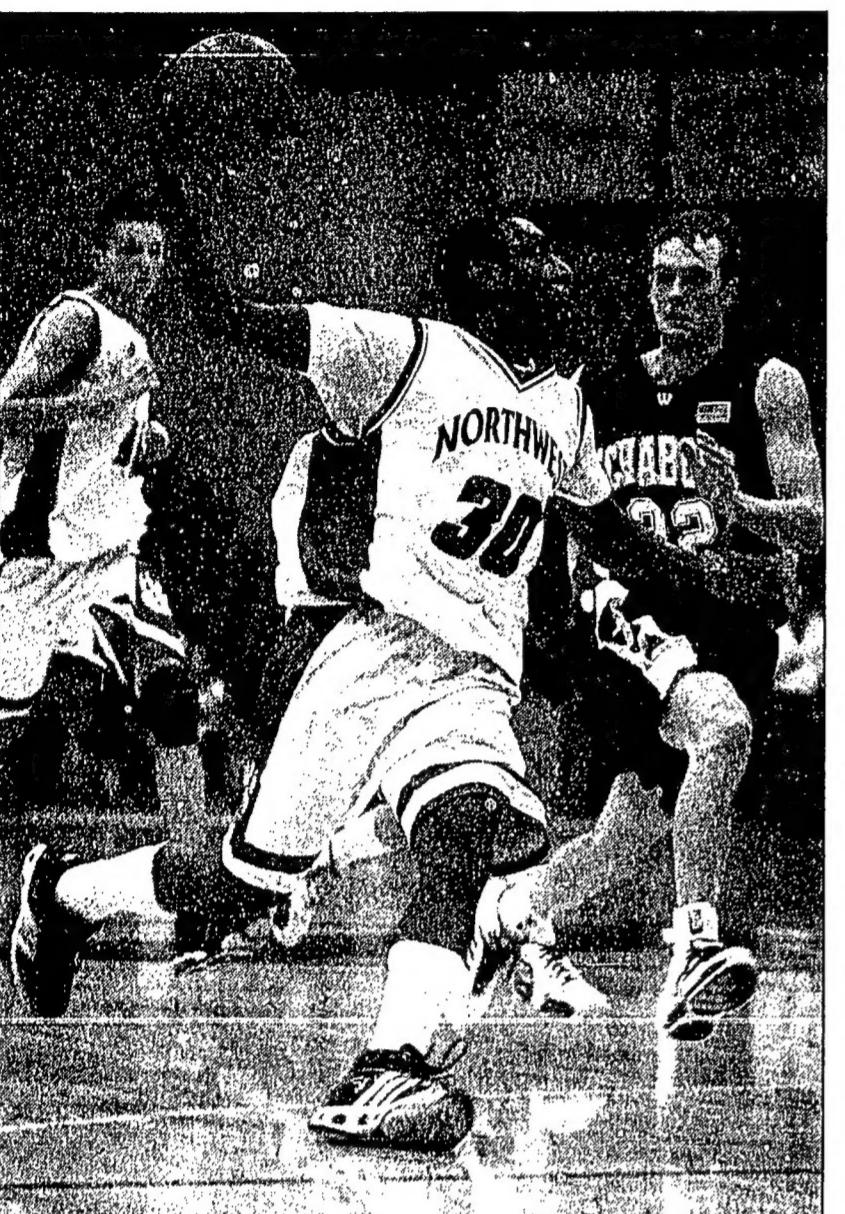


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**NORTHWEST'S JOHN HAWKINS** runs down the court in the first half of the game against the Washburn Ichabods during Wednesday night's game held in Bearcat Arena. Hawkins, who made three free-throws from the line in double overtime, 87-84.

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James said the team respects every opponent they play for the reason that "any team on any given day" can knock off Northwest.

"If you don't come out ready to play... before you know it, you've got an 'L' on your record," James said.

After losing to Pittsburg State, Northwest has responded with wins against Truman State and Missouri Southern. Hunter Henry, who won

his third MIAA player of the week honor, averaged 26.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 3.0 steals during the week.

"We kind of messed it up with Pittsburg State. We were in the driver's seat and that's something we've got to live with," freshman Lance Sullivan said. "This is a big game for us and they're coming to knock us off. All we can do is control our own destiny."

But Alpus believes that his team's commitment so far this week will pay dividends in the weekend.

## TRACK: 'Cats prime for conference clash

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still ran 1:51.67. He's a true competitor. He works hard and it pays off. He's got a lot of talent."

Iseley and Adio will look to defend their MIAA indoor titles this weekend. The two currently lead the MIAA performance list in individual events. Long jumper Sheldon Cook and triple jumper Diezeas Calbert also lead the conference in their respective events.

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-MHS BASEBALL

# SPRING PREVIEW

By Marcus Meade  
Community News Editor

He's waited for six years, and now he'll get his chance.

Thom Alvarez, new head coach of the Maryville baseball team, has spent six years at the high school hoping for a chance to work with the baseball team, and now, he's overseeing the whole thing.

"It was really special for me to them to give me a chance," Alvarez said. "Having not been a baseball coach at the high school, I think they were kind of going on my past reputation and some of the work I'd done with the high school kids over the summer. So, I was really pleased when they gave me the opportunity."

Alvarez has never held a position with the baseball team at Maryville, but said he has coached at the high school level before. He coached at two schools in California, his home state.

"Growing up in California we never had to practice inside," Alvarez said. "We're going to have to do a lot more individual work."

That work will be to improve on the 4-14 record of last season.

To help with that task, Alvarez has five seniors and 12 returning lettermen including Matt Parker, a team leader in RPI's.

"He's going to work more on defense...I think you'll see a better defense there. We're going to

With an aggressive style of play

## -BOYS' GOLF

**Coach:**  
Brenda Ricks

**Returning Golfers:**  
**Seniors:**  
Bert Darnell  
Josh Hayes  
Spencer McGinnis

**Juniors:**  
Luke Hendrix  
Zack Johnson

**Sophomore:**  
Kris Alumbaugh

**First-time Golfers:**

**Juniors:**  
Chase Barr  
Josh Cordell  
Ben Sneed

**GOLF SCHEDULE:**

3/22	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	@Smithville
3/29	4 p.m.	J/V/V	@Fairview
4/5	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	Benton/Savannah
4/9	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	@Cameron
4/10	1 p.m.	V	@Shenandoah Tournament
4/12	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	Tarkio/NEN/Rockport
4/14	Noon	V	Pembroke Hill
4/17	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	@Platte County
4/20	9 a.m.	J/V/V	@Cameron Tournament
4/23	9 a.m.	F/J/V/V	@Chillicothe Tournament
4/24	8:30 a.m.	J/V/V	Maryville tournament
4/26	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	@Fairview
4/27	8:30 a.m.	V	@Richmond Tournament at Shirley GC
4/30	TBA	V	Districts at Shirley GC
5/1	4 p.m.	J/V/V	@Fairview
5/7	TBA	Varsity	MEC meet at Cameron
5/14	TBA	Varsity	State Tournament

**Freshmen:**  
Tyler Coverell  
Levi Runyon  
Brian Sneed

**Team Goals:**  
Straighter drives  
Improved putting skills  
Keep their scores low  
Go to state

**Coaches Goals:**  
■ Get the golfers focused on their short game  
■ Do well in home tournaments  
■ Do well in the conference and in districts  
■ Expects to go to state  
■ Improve

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4/10	1 p.m.	V	@Shenandoah Tournament
4/12	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	Tarkio/NEN/Rockport
4/14	Noon	V	Pembroke Hill
4/17	4 p.m.	F/J/V/V	@Platte County
4/20	9 a.m.	J/V/V	@Cameron Tournament
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5/14	TBA	Varsity	State Tournament

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## -MHS BOYS'/GIRLS' TRACK

Date	Meet	Time
3/22	@ Kearney Time Trials	3 p.m.
3/28	@ Platte Co. 9th-10th	4 p.m.
4/3	@ Nebraska City Invitational	2 p.m.
4/6	@ Lafayette Freshman Relays	4 p.m.
4/6	@ Chillicothe - Girls only	2 p.m.
4/10	@ Clarinda Invite - Boys only	5 p.m.
4/13	Maryville Invitational	4 p.m.
4/17	@ Chillicothe High School	2 p.m.
4/23	@ Smithville Relays	4 p.m.
4/24	@ Savannah Relays	4 p.m.
4/27	@ Plate Co. Invitational	4 p.m.
5/1	@ Lafayette Irish Relays	3 p.m.
5/5	Maryville Relays - Senior Night	4 p.m.
5/12	@ MEC Meet	TBA
5/19	@ Cardinal Relays	4 p.m.
5/25	@ Districts	TBA
	@ Kearney - Sectionals	TBA
	@ Jefferson City - State	TBA

## -BOYS' TENNIS

The Maryville High School boys' tennis team is looking at this season for improvement after losing some players from last year's team.

This year it may take a few months for the Spoofhounds to return to form, but they hope to be better by the end of the season when they enter districts. With some up and coming freshmen on the roster, the 'Hounds look to do well in the always-close conference schedule.

It's scary," Dakota said about wrestlebacks. "You know it's over if you lose and you want to just leave it out there."

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"Sure," Dannen replied with a smirk.

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Dannen and Dakota don't concentrate on outdoing each other, but they want to leave a lasting legacy.

"I'll be the last to wrestle, so I continue to strive to be the best,"

I think what keeps me going is the thrill I get when the referee raises my hand,

-Dakota Merrill, junior wrestler

Dannen said, "I want to make it so people remember our name."

However, it remains clear which Merrill stands on the basement's winner's podium.

D.J. or Derek win when we wrestle," Dannen said. "We give up a lot of weight to those two."

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# AT YOUR LEISURE

## -HOROSCOPES

### Today's Birthday (02-22-07)

You're very smart this year, especially at solving old problems. Even better, you're wildly imaginative and creative. You'll come up with all sorts of new concepts and products from all that old data you've collected.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You're collecting the reward. Don't spend it all in one place. Don't tell anybody how much you got, either. Keep it invisible.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Today is a 7 — You may be getting tired of the nervous, excitable types. Might as well get used to them. They are drawn to your self-assurance.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — As you expound your theory, with data to support it, the others realize how smart you are. Don't skip the data. Although you're charming, that's the important part.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

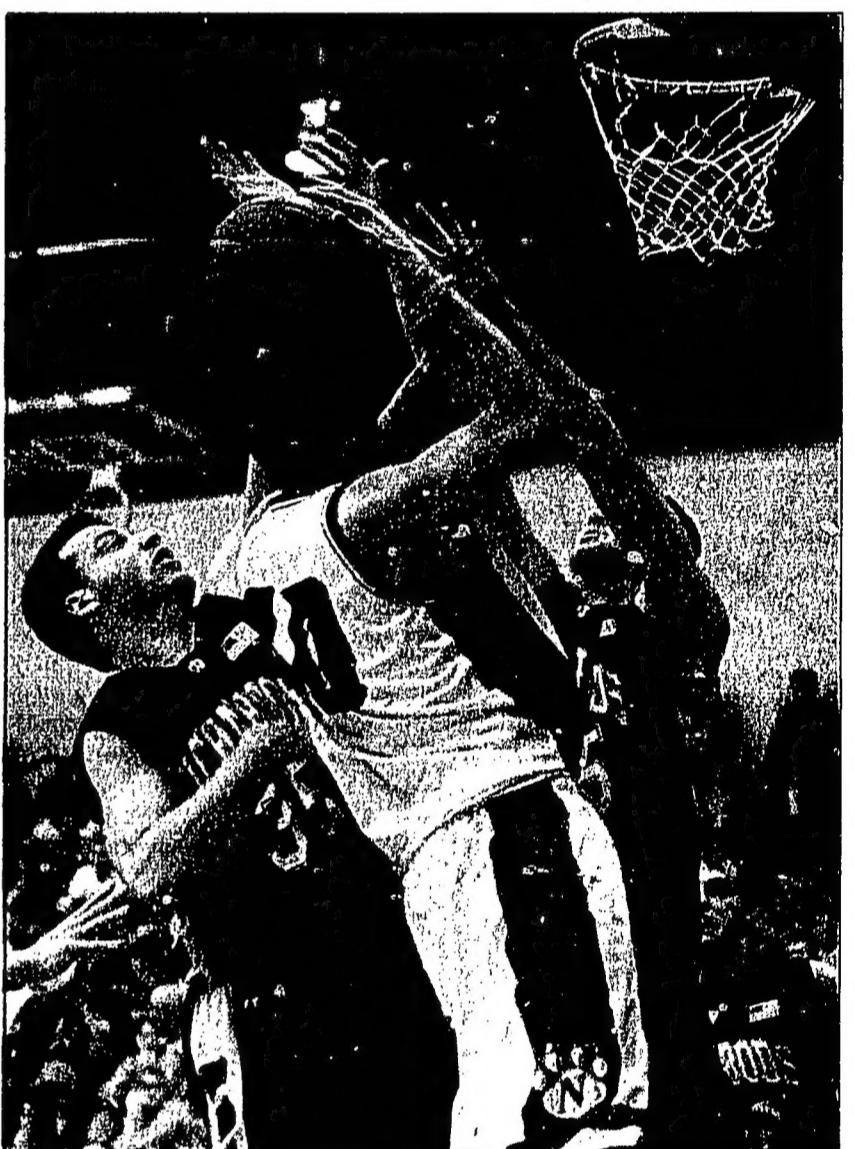
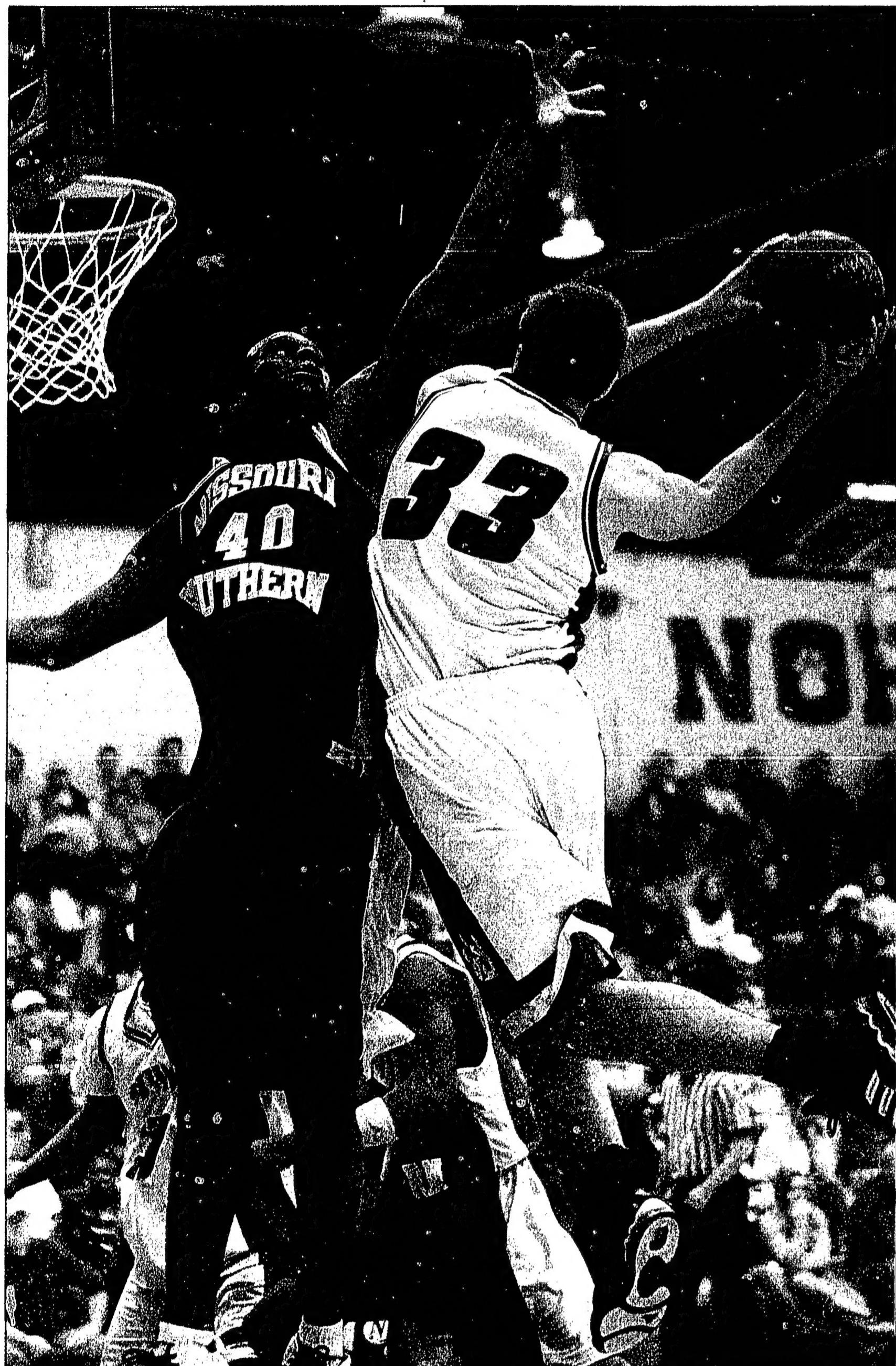
Today is an 8 — Of course you care about others. It's OK for them to understand how much you've already done for them, and how much you can do, in the future. Let them figure it out, from hints.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

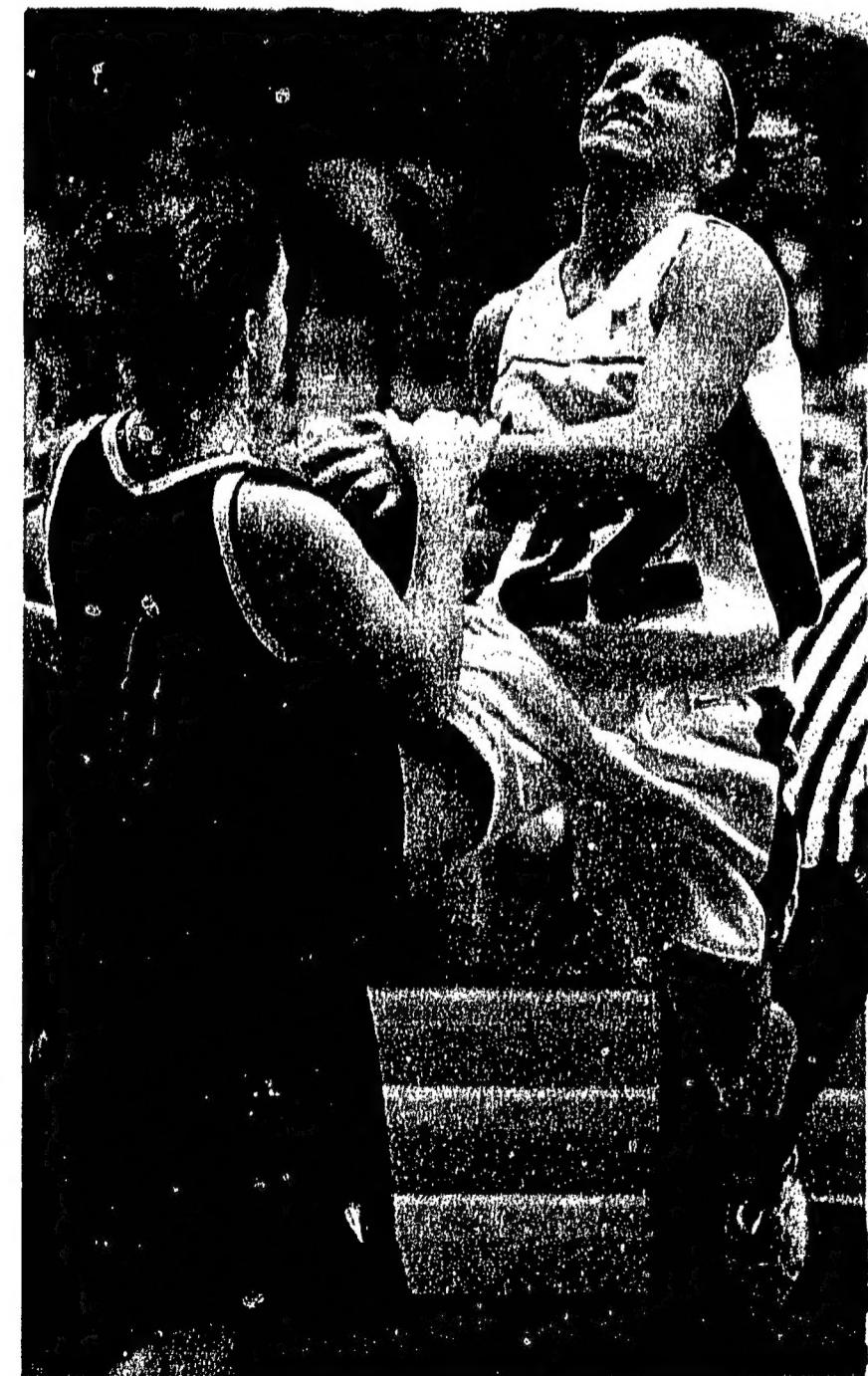
Today is a 6 — You're advancing but now you're getting into somebody else's territory. Remember your manners and see what you can do for the person in power.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 — Of course you've open up, and you want to go check them out. Your main problem is figuring out how to make this trip work-related. Don't worry — you



(left) NORTHWEST GUARD Andy Peterson makes a move to get by Missouri Southern forward Deonte Cox during Saturday afternoon's game held at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats beat the Lions 75-60. (top right) NORTHWEST FORWARD Mandi Schumacher scrambles for the ball against a Missouri Southern defender in Saturday afternoon's game. Schumacher had a total of 12 points in the win against Missouri Southern. (above) NORTHWEST FORWARD Hunter Henry attempts a lay-up against two Missouri Southern defenders in Saturday afternoon's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats won 75-60. photo by Mike Dye | photography editor



**NORTH-WEST GUARD**  
Kelli Nelson gets fouled by Washburn's Jessica Aebl in Wednesday night's game held in Bearcat Arena. Despite Nelson's best efforts, the Bearcats lost to the Lady Blues 86-73.

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